

TWELFTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

PEABODY INSTITUTE,

OF

SOUTH DANVERS.

SOUTH DANVERS:

PRINTED AT THE WIZARD OFFICE, BY CHARLES D. HOWARD.
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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 21st, 1864, by adjournment from March 7th, 1864, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that 1000 copies of the same be printed, under the supervision of the Town Clerk, for distribution.

Attest: A true copy of record,

N. H. POOR, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE HEREWITH SUBMIT THEIR REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 7, 1864:

The statement of the Treasurer, which is explicit and full, shows that the funds of the Institute continue to be safely and profitably invested, and that all its property, both real and personal, is in good order and condition.

A considerable outlay has been made, during the year, upon the buildings which are rented, not only for their preservation, but to secure for them good tenants and high rents. This, with other expenditures which were required for needed improvements in the Hall and Library-room, drew somewhat heavily upon the general income, and reduced the amount to be used for the purchase of books and the payment of lecturers, and the ordinary current expenses, to a sum below what was desirable or necessary for the most efficient and profitable working of the institution.

The truth is, that in so seeking to conduct the operations of the Institute as best to promote the views and wishes of the founder, we have in our endeavors and desires set up a standard of excellence beyond the limit of our means, or, in other and plainer words, our income is inadequate to our wants. We must, therefore, using in the future as we have in the past, the utmost prudence and economy, strive to attain as near to that standard as possible, sustained by an unfaltering trust that the same open hand, and generous heart, and wise intelligence which planted this beneficent institution in our midst, will not suffer it to falter or fail, but will, in his own good time, furnish it with ample endowment, and thus fully realize, not only our most ardent hopes, but his own high aims in behalf of "knowledge and morality."

In transmitting the reports of the Lyceum and Library Committees, and of the Librarian and Sub-Committees, the Trustees furnish all needed information as to the operations of each branch and of every department of the Institute, and leave little, if anything, which requires discussion or extended observation on their part.

It may be said, in general, that the past year has seen another and an added step in the prosperous progress of the Institute, and that its influences for usefulness have extended as the term of its existence has lengthened. It may well be doubted if there is in New England—and if not there, where else can there be?—an institution of the kind, which, with the same means, at the same expenditure, upon the same capital, is producing an equal amount of good. It has now become part and parcel of our social as well as municipal organization. Its results are felt, not alone in the mental activity aroused, the moral culture produced, the intellectual benefits conferred

by lectures and by books, but with, and beyond, and above all this there has been a gentle and unseen, but active and potent ameliorating influence, affecting the manners, habits, thoughts and daily life of our people, and whose effects, unconfined by the limits of one generation, will extend through all the coming years, and be of permanent and perpetual good. Let us, then, while renewedly and with grateful emotion we acknowledge the wisdom and generosity which have made us the recipients of such a bounty, earnestly strive to do our part to cherish and maintain it, guarding the sacred trust with jealous care, and transmitting it, enriched by our labors, as the most precious legacy to those who are to come after us.

For and in behalf of the Board,

A. A. ABBOTT, *President.*

South Danvers, March 21, 1864.

REPORT OF THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

I have the honor to submit to you the proceedings of the Lyceum and Library Committee of the Peabody Institute for the year ending February, 1864. The reports of the Librarian and the various Sub-Committees, and the statement of the Treasurer, seem to cover the whole ground of operations. The report of the Librarian of the Branch Library is also submitted.

It is a source of honest pride to allude to the extensive influence and success of the Library in diffusing knowledge throughout our community—a fact which is well established by its increasing circulation. Saturday, the 26th inst., was the greatest day ever known at the Institute in the reception and delivery of books. And as the books are selected by a competent committee, who are ever watchful that none shall be placed upon the shelves of the Library which do not inculcate good principles and sound morality, consequently the great object of the founder is promoted and secured. The Librarian gives a detailed account of the number of books added to the Library the past year, which now numbers more than ten thousand volumes. The large donation from the founder of the Institute, received on the first of January, 1864, and forwarded as a New Year's present, has awakend a fresh interest and attracted much attention by the reading portion of our population. The number received was twenty-one

hundred and forty-four. Mr. Peabody, in his letter donating this valuable and highly appreciated gift, comprising many rare and scarce books, remarks as follows:—

“I present them to the ‘Peabody Institute,’ and its branch at Danvers,—two-thirds to the former, and one-third to the latter, to be divided equitably, and the selection for each to be made as the respective Librarians may consider best, having reference to their books on hand and the requirements and taste of those readers among whom they will have circulation. I trust, as a whole, the collection will prove an important and satisfactory addition to both your own library and that of your branch at Danvers.”

I have the pleasure to state that the division of the books was made by the two Librarians in an amicable and satisfactory manner, and the people of both towns are, at the present moment, enjoying this large addition to their respective libraries of interesting and instructive books.

The Lecture Hall has generally been thronged by an intelligent and attentive audience. The Lecture Committee give the names of the lecturers and their subjects. As a whole, the services have been satisfactory and successful. It is not generally known upon what subjects the lecturers propose to speak till they announce it themselves from the platform. The lecture season is evidently popular with the community, as the large attendance and uncommon good order which have prevailed would seem to indicate. It is not necessary to particularly notice the different lectures, as all who attend have their own opinion and their favorite lecturers, but it may be said that this weekly gathering of some nine hundred persons in a warm, well lighted hall, is not without its influence in promoting social intercourse and kindly feelings.

The Hall always presents a cheerful and pleasant aspect. Many friends meet on these occasions who may not have opportunity to see each other at any other time during the week. If Mr. Peabody should visit the Library-room and observe the happy and smiling countenances of our youthful population in

pursuit of knowledge, and the Lecture-Hall on one of its most successful occasions, he would look upon the operations of his great charity with mingled emotions of pride and pleasure, that a kind Providence had enabled him to do so much for the people of his native town.

We recently received from Mr. Peabody two elegantly framed testimonials, one of them containing a record of the proceedings of the Vestry of the Parish of Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex,* representing a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants—in which they most gratefully express their thanks to George Peabody, Esq., an American merchant, for his noble gift, in his life time, of £150,000, to ameliorate the condition of the poor and needy of the great metropolis of London,—the other contains, in elegant style and appearance, the proceedings of the authorities of London in bestowing the freedom of the City on Mr. Peabody, on account of his gift for the benefit of the poor of London. We also received a drawing of one of the buildings erected for the purpose of furnishing tenements for the class of persons which his gift is intended to benefit. It is well executed and presents a fine appearance.

Thomas Hardy, Esq., a native of this town and for many years a resident, and now located in the far distant State of California, having learned of the founding of the Institute for the benefit of the people of his cherished home and birth-place, on his recent visit to his friends, made some highly acceptable and generous gifts to the Institute, consisting of two specimens of Elk horns, which are a rare article in this vicinity, symmetrical and beautiful in appearance; a specimen of gold and silver quartz combined; also, specimens of copper ore; and a very handsome and valuable specimen of gold as it came from the mines, and which might be taken as a work of art. All of the gifts are ornamental and valuable and add to the pleasure of a visit to the Institute, both to our own people and strangers.

* Part of London.

The additional seats which have been placed in the Hall the past year by the Trustees, are certainly an accommodation when a large audience assembles, not only to those who have the benefit of them, but also to those who occupy the permanent seats.

The increase of books in the Library and their extended circulation, and the very great increase in the number of persons, especially strangers, who visit the Institute, attracted by its increasing reputation and the interesting articles which have been placed there, have very much increased the duties and responsibility of the Librarian. And if a new catalogue is to be prepared, which seems to be necessary, it will require a large amount of time and labor to arrange it. This duty will necessarily devolve upon the Librarian, which, I trust, will be taken into consideration by the Trustees in the appropriation of money for the ensuing year.

It is due to the Treasurer of the Lyceum and Library Committee to repeat the acknowledgment of his valuable services in the management of their financial accounts.

The Janitor is prompt and attentive to all his duties, and performs them to the entire satisfaction of the Committee and the public.

R. S. DANIELS,

President of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

South Danvers, February, 1864.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee would most respectfully submit their annual report :

The Committee are able to report a large increase of the Library during the last year. In addition to the books purchased by the Committee, about 1400 volumes were presented to the Library by George Peabody, Esq., of London. These books embrace a great variety of subjects, and will furnish reading adapted to all tastes. Those who desire a good Novel, or book of Travels, will find a large number of English works not re-published in this country. There are also a large number of volumes of History; works on Medicine, Theology; Periodicals, and other miscellaneous works; also, several finely illustrated volumes, with other rare and desirable books,—the whole making an addition to the Library of great value. These will help to give variety to our already valuable Library, and make it still more worthy of the attention of our citizens. While the many donations made by Mr. Peabody for founding and increasing the Library are deserving, and have received the gratitude of our whole community, yet this new and truly munificent gift calls for a renewed expression of our thanks.

We are happy in being able to state that the generous and noble donations, made by Mr. Peabody, are appreciated, and that the Library founded by him, and the object of his continued care and solicitude, is the just and honorable pride of all our citizens.

The Committee, in their report of last year, stated that a new catalogue would greatly increase the usefulness of the Library. The original catalogue, published in 1855, contains only about one-half of the books now belonging to the Library. These are arranged, both under the general title and the subjects of which they treat, and sometimes under the author's name; but the remainder are on supplements, where only the general title is given, making it impossible to ascertain what books are in the Library, on any particular subject, without reading all the supplements. To those who read without system, and are only anxious to obtain the new books as they are issued, this is not of much importance; but to one who desires to systematize his reading, or who seeks information on any subject, it is of great importance to have the catalogue classified by subjects. The Committee would recommend that, as early as possible, measures be taken to publish a new catalogue, believing that the money expended for the same could not be better appropriated.

As the Trustees were obliged to expend a larger sum than usual in the repair and improvement of buildings, the sum placed at the disposal of the Library Committee was smaller than on former years. The sum required for re-binding increases each year as the Library grows older and larger. After deducting the usual expenses of the Library, and the expense of re-binding old books and binding periodicals, the remainder of the sum appropriated was needed for the purchase of such books as were published during the year.

The Committee would invite attention to the report of the Librarian for a more detailed statement of facts in relation to the Library. They would call especial attention to his remarks in reference to missing volumes, and to the practice of retaining numbers of Periodicals beyond the time allowed in the regulations. If persons are sometimes allowed to select books from the shelves, they should not abuse the privilege and omit to have them charged. The report of the Librarian shows that the number of borrowers is constantly increasing. It is

hoped that a still larger number will avail themselves of the advantages of the Library.

We think that the borrowers, especially the young, might derive more benefit from the Library by adopting some plan in their reading; for example, if one desires to take up a course of Historical reading, let him first ascertain what books he desires to read, and then read in course according to the order of events. This cannot be done unless one has access to a large Library. To every young man having access to the Peabody Library, we would recommend the adoption of a regular course of reading on whatever topic he chooses to give his attention. In this way will the use of the Library be to him of inestimable value.

The Librarian has been faithful in attending to his duties; good order has been maintained in the Library-room, and prompt attention given to all who have had occasion to visit the Library.

AMOS MERRILL, *Chairman.*

South Danvers, February, 1864.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

In obedience to the requirements of the By-Laws, I herewith submit my annual report of the condition and needs of the Peabody Library.

At the time of the last annual report the whole number of persons who had availed themselves of the privileges of the Library was 3356. During the past year this number has increased to 3602, being an addition of 246 names to the book of signatures, or 59 more than the previous year. This fact shows that there is an increase, rather than a diminution of interest in the Library on the part of our citizens.

The number of books purchased the past year, including periodicals bound up, has been 321.

The following donations of books have been received :

United States Department of the Interior,-----	35
Rev. C. C. Torrey, Indian Territory,-----	1
Long Island Historical Society,-----	3
George Livermore, Cambridge,-----	1
Hon. John B. Alley, Lynn,-----	12
Wm. H. Little,-----	5
Charles Dodge,-----	1
Thomas, E. Proctor,-----	21

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The above list does not include the large collection of books received from Mr. PEABODY on the first day of January last. This much valued accession was most timely received on the first day of the year and was intended, by the generous donor,

as a New Year's Gift to this and the Branch Library. The number of books, including some which were unbound, or put up in flexible covers, was 2144. It was the desire of Mr. Peabody that there should be an equitable division of the books by the two Librarians, in the proportion of two-thirds to this and one-third to the Branch. The division was amicably and satisfactorily made, and the books now occupy the shelves of the two Libraries.

The portion which fell to this Library contains well-bound copies of the old authors of standard authority in the various departments of English literature; and among the more recent works we find a complete set of the "London Punch," in 32 volumes; a set of the "Penny Cyclopaedia," in 15 volumes, strongly bound in calf, with two Supplementary volumes issued since the completion of the main work. This will prove a very valuable addition to our works of reference. In periodical literature, we have also 20 volumes of "Chambers' Edinburgh Journal;" the "New Monthly;" "Cornhill Magazine;" "All the Year Round," and other works of like merit. Among the miscellaneous works here collected, are many which are rare and curious to the book-hunter, and such as it would be vain to look for at the booksellers' shops. A slight attempt at classification will afford some aid in arriving at the general character of the collection.

Fiction,	124
Poetry,	133
Periodicals,	168
Theological and Religious,	211
Scientific,	19
Natural History,	27
Essayists,	87
History,	123
Medical,	33
French,	87
Other languages,	9
Miscellaneous,	376

It was to be expected that, in the purchase of so large a collection, without the aid of our catalogue, that there would be duplicates of standard works, such as are already in the Library, and, in some instances, of the same editions. It has so happened in this case, and it would be desirable, with the consent of the donor, to exchange these duplicates for other books of equal value, which we have not in the Library, and thus give greater choice and variety to the readers.

With this important acquisition, the Library now contains over 10,000 volumes. The Trustees have caused another double case to be erected in the Library-room, uniform in size and style with the others, to receive the new books. There are now three alcoves on the eastern side of the room, each about six feet in width. We have now accommodations for all the books, with some vacant shelf room for the future growth of the Library.

At the annual examination in July, it was found that many of the books most in demand, were so much worn, defaced and imperfect, that it became necessary to replace such as were of a proper character to retain in the Library. About sixty volumes have been thus replaced by new ones. Others could not be found, being out of print.

The examination showed that, of 23,085 books loaned during the year, all were returned, except six. This is a more favorable report than some former years, and exhibits commendable care on the part of the borrowers. It was found, however, that the Library has suffered the past year more than usual, in the loss of periodicals in numbers. It is believed that some, who by courtesy are admitted within the railing, abuse their privilege by carrying away pamphlet periodicals without reporting them at the desk. Among the missing numbers, are the North American Review for January and July, 1862, and January and April, 1863. There are also two missing numbers of Frazer's Magazine, one of the Gentleman's and one of Blackwood, as well as some others of the American periodicals. On account of the absence of these

numbers the works are kept from the binder, and their use in volumes, to the readers. Those first named cannot be supplied except at considerable expense. It is hardly to be supposed that the readers of such books intended to purloin them, but that it is owing to a want of care or a proper appreciation of the importance of strictly observing the Library regulations. One case is known of a number of a periodical being retained eleven months by a person who had the first reading of it.

Among the few missing volumes of the past year is the first volume of Jean Paul Richter's *Romance of Titan*. This book had scarcely been a fortnight in the Library, when the first volume disappeared and has not been seen since, the second volume remaining useless on the shelf. There are several cases occurring in former years, among the more noticeable of which is the loss of, severally, the first volumes of Prescott's "*Conquest of Mexico*," "*Samuel Pepys' Diary*," Napier's "*Montrose and Covenanters*," all valuable works, if entire. There can scarcely be a doubt that these missing volumes are in existence and in the houses of some of our citizens, and we cannot but hope that they will yet come to light and occupy their proper places on our shelves. It is with a view to this that mention is here made of these facts, and we trust that the publicity thus given may lead to their recovery.

F. POOLE, *Librarian*.

South Danvers, February, 1864.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LECTURES.

The Committee take great pleasure in reporting that, during the interval since the Ninth Course of Lectures, the Hall has been greatly improved by extending the platform and having placed upon it the seats which previously occupied the two corners on the north side. Not only are the seats made thus more eligible, but a more social aspect is given to the rostrum. The Trustees have also made a further improvement by the introduction of temporary seats in the aisles, so constructed as to be put in place immediately, and removed at the close of the lecture without difficulty or delay. This improvement gives about 75 additional seats in the aisles, and by it the evil of persons standing, with great discomfort to themselves and obstructing the view of the speaker from others, is removed. It is perhaps partly in consequence of these improvements that the Committee are enabled to report the excellent order which has prevailed during the whole of this course of lectures.

The lectures of this, the Tenth Annual Course before the Institute, were generally of a high character, and were not only well attended, but listened to with marked attention and interest. The course commenced in November, by an introductory by Rev. John Todd, D. D., of Pittsfield, who is well and favorably known, by his published essays and works on education. The following is a list of the lecturers, with their subjects and the date of their delivery:

Nov. 17, 1863, Rev. JOHN TODD, D. D., of Pittsfield. Improvement of the Mind.

Dec. 1, 1863, GEORGE W. CURTIS, of New York. The Way of Peace.

Dec. 8, 1863, DR. DIO LEWIS, of Boston. Physical Education.

Dec. 15, 1863, Miss EMILY SHAW, of Nantucket. Elocutionary Readings.

Dec. 22, 1863, Rev. GEORGE W. BRIGGS, D. D., of Salem. Nationality.

Dec. 29, 1863, Bishop THOMAS M. CLARK, of Providence, R. I. Old Colony Laws and Customs.

Jan. 5, 1864, J. H. SIDMONS, of Cambridge. Wits and Humorists, — illustrated by readings from their works, by himself and his niece, Miss Cameron.

Jan. 12, 1864, Rev. ALFRED P. PUTNAM, of Roxbury. The River Nile.

Jan. 19, 1864, Hon. R. S. MATHEWS, of Baltimore, M. D. Lessons of the War.

Jan. 26, 1864, Rev. A. L. STONE, D. D., of Boston. Campaign Life.

Feb. 2, 1864, Capt. N. E. ATWOOD, of Provincetown. Fishes of Massachusetts Bay.

Feb. 16, 1864, GEORGE W. CURTIS, of New York. Political Fidelity.

March 1, 1864, Rev. GEORGE H. HERWORTH, of Boston. Patriotism.

JOHN O. POOR,	} Committee.
FRANCIS BAKER,	
ALFRED MCKENZIE,	
WILLIAM N. OSGOOD,	
F. POOLE,	

Lyceum and Library Com. in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Treasurer.

1863.		Dr.
Febr. 10,	To paid Dr. Holland,	\$30 00
12,	Mr. and Mrs. Davenport,	75 00
14,	Janitor's bill, for services,	75 00
17,	Mr. Fletcher,	25 00
24,	Mr. Fletcher,	25 00
Mar. 16,	R. E. Smith's bill,	6 25
25,	D. S. Littlefield's bill, for services,	15 00
25,	D. H. Townsend's bill, for express hire,	8 88
25,	Wm. S. Osborn's bill, for services,	8 00
27,	C. Simonds' bill, horse hire for lecturers,	10 25
27,	W. Simonds' bill, board for lecturers,	8 00
30,	Librarian, quarter's salary,	100 00
April 3,	Gas bill, for quarter ending April 1,	27 54
13,	For playing piano at Tenth Course of Lectures,	14 00
13,	J. P. Fernald's bill, for services,	6 00
13,	Posting bills,	42
May 11,	Librarian, quarter's salary,	100 00
June 10,	John Moore, bill for services,	4 25
20,	John P. Fernald, bill for services,	4 25
July 16,	Wm. S. Hiltz, bill for binding,	7 83
16,	Chandler & Co., bill for periodicals,	60 86
16,	Postage bill,	6 25
16,	C. D. Howard, bill for advertising,	88
16,	C. D. Howard, bill for printing,	7 00
17,	Ticknor, Field & Co., bill for books,	126 38
20,	British periodicals,	10 11
20,	Gas bill, for quarter ending July 1,	8 10
Aug. 5,	Librarian, quarter's salary,	100 00
5,	S. C. Abbott's express,	1 25
24,	Janitor's bill, for services,	75 00
24,	E. A. Corey's bill,	3 87
Oct. 6,	Gas bill, for quarter ending Oct. 1,	3 56
27,	A. Merrill's bill,	5 71
Nov. 13,	Librarian, quarter's salary,	100 00
17,	Dr. J. Todd,	35 00
Dec. 1,	George W. Curtis,	35 00
8,	Dr. Lewis,	35 00
8,	Potter, Bachelder & Co., bill for coal,	51 67
8,	Janitor's bill, for services,	37 50
11,	Posting bills,	2 50
15,	Miss Emily Shaw,	25 00
22,	Dr. Briggs,	30 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1311 31

	<i>Amount brought up.</i>	\$1211 31	
Dec. 29,	Bishop Clark,	25 00	
1864.			
Jan. 5,	J. H. Siddons,	35 00	
11,	Gas bill, for quarter ending Jan. 1,	25 60	
12,	Wm. H. Piper & Co., bill for books,	51 55	
12,	Ticknor & Field's bill, for books,	103 09	
12,	D. H. Townsend's bill, for express hire,	10 87	
13,	C. D. Howard's bill, for printing and advertising,	10 10	
12,	Postage bill,	2 43	
12,	Adams, Sampson & Co., bill for book,	75	
12,	Rev. A. P. Putnam,	25 00	
19,	R. S. Matthews,	50 00	
26,	A. L. Stone,	25 00	
Feb. 2,	Capt. N. E. Atwood,	35 00	
2,	Grout & Munroe's express,	7 51	
2,	F. Poole's bill,	14 41	
	Balance,	229 45	
		<u>\$1,962 07</u>	

1863.			Cr.
Feb. 2,	By balance,	\$332 82	
Apr. 13,	By draft on Trustees,	300 00	
July 20,	By draft on Trustees,	600 00	
1864.			
Jan. 11,	By draft on Treasurer,	700 00	
Feb. 1,	By received for catalogues and fines,	29 25	
		<u>\$1,962 07</u>	
Feb.	By balance,	229 45	

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

		Dr.
To paid for books,	\$352 74	
To paid for lectures,	542 25	
To paid Librarian and Assistants,	420 75	
To paid Janitor,	187 50	
To paid for Gas,	64 80	
To paid for Coal,	51 67	
To paid for Printing and Advertising,	17 88	
To pd D S Littlefield & W S Osborne for services,	23 00	
To paid for Express hire,	28 51	
To paid for Postage,	9 10	
To paid for Miscellaneous,	26 49	
Balance,	229 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,962 07

		Cr.
By Balance,	332 82	
By drafts on Trustees,	1,600 00	
By received for Fines and Catalogues,	29 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,962 07

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treas.

1863.		Dr.
April 3,	To Lyceum and Library Com. draft (Branch,)	\$210 00
17,	To paid insurance policy for \$2,000,	12 50
17,	To Lye. and Lib. Com. draft (So. Danvers,)	300 00
27,	To paid H. A. Hardy, viz: Creamer, for bill for house paper,	\$12 05
	Bumpsted & Co.,	1 80
	Setting tree,	1 25
	Cleaning drain,	1 00
		16 10
May 1,	To paid Wythe, per W. H. Little, frames, etc.,	8 75
June 17,	To paid Danvers Mutual Ins. Policies, Nos. 3,014, and 3,015, renewal on dwell. houses,	2 00
July 20,	To pd. Lye. and Lib. Com. draft (So. Danvers)	600 00
Aug. 15,	To pd. Anthony Rowan, for relaying stone wall,	24 95
Sept. 8,	To paid Aqueduct bills,	8 37
11,	To pd. Branch Lye. and Lib. Com. draft,	210 00
12,	To paid G. Roundy, for 20 M. of shingles,	117 00
19,	To pd. W. Little, for lock, \$2.80; labor, \$1.50,	4 30
20,	To pd. Whidden, painter, for painting on In- stitute,	\$155 58
	For painting on brick house,	36 41
		192 29
Nov. 30,	To paid Aqueduct bills,	8 00
23,	To pd. Samuel Brown, Jr., for rocks for wall,	14 50
1864.		
Jan. 11,	To paid C. G. Folsom, carpenter,	97 03
11,	To pd. Lye. and Lib. Com. draft (So. Danvers,)	700 00
14,	To pd. Ins. policy No. 73,383, Manufact's office,	15 00
25,	To pd. Insurance policy, Franklin Co.,	30 00
Feb. 19,	To paid Clark & Giddings, carpenters,	71 49
19,	To paid Insurance policy, Neptune office,	16 88
29,	To pd Teague's bill for lab. on grounds, \$18 70	
	To paid Teague's bill for globe,	50
		19 20
29,	To paid S. Trask, mason, for labor on dwell- ing houses, 1862 and 1863,	1 75
	Balance to new account,	296 03
		\$2,976 19

South Danvers, February 29, 1864.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treas.

1863.

Cr.

Feb. 28,	By balance from last financial year's account,	\$207 59	
Mar. 18,	By interest of Town of So. Danvers, on \$7,- 000 note, 6 months to 12th March,	210 00	
Apr. 17,	Dividend on 3 shares, Warren Bank,	9 00	
27,	By rents of Woodbury, Grosvenor and Symonds, 3 months to 1st of April,	116 50	
May 18,	By interest of town of So. Danvers on \$3,000, note, 6 months to 28th of April,	90 00	
July 7,	By cash from George Peabody, Esq., of London, per Blake Bros. & Co., Boston,	600 00	
20,	By rent of Woodbury, 3 ms. to 1st of July,	52 00	
20,	By rent of Grosvenor, 3 ms. to 1st of July,	32 25	
20,	By rent of Symonds, 3 ms. to 1st of July,	32 25	
Sept. 11,	By interest of town of Danvers on \$7,000, note, 6 months to Aug. 25th,	210 00	
Oct. 19,	By rents of Woodbury, Grosvenor and Symonds, 3 months to 1st of Oct.,	116 50	
19,	By received for use of Hall,	\$10 00	
	Deduct police keeper,	3 00	
			7 00
19,	By received for old iron,	2 10	
19,	By interest of town of So. Danvers on \$7,000, note, 6 months to 12th September,	210 00	
19,	By interest of town of So Danvers on \$3,000, note, 6 ms. to 28th October,	90 00	
Nov. 30,	By dividend on 3 shares Warren Bank,	9 00	
1864.			
Jan. 11,	By cash from George Peabody, Esq., of London, per Blake Bros. & Co., Boston,	600 00	
25,	By rents of Woodbury, Grosvenor and Symonds, 3 months to 1st of Jan.,	\$116 50	
	Deduct door numerals,	50	
			116 00
25,	By rec. for use of Hall, by Mrs Benthuyson, net,	4 00	
Feb. 24,	By interest of town of Danvers on \$7,000, note, 6 months to 25th of February,	210 00	
29,	By rec. for use of Hall, per Teague, by Watts,	8 00	
29,	By received for use of Hall, per H. A. Hardy, by Carswell and Rastery,	11 00	
29,	By cash for 5½ M. shingles, surplus—sold in October, 1863,	33 00	
			\$2,976 19

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

PERMANENT FUND OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE, VIZ:

1st,	Town of So. Danvers, note dated March 12, 1858,	\$7,000 00	
2d,	Town of So. Danvers, note dated April 28, 1858,	3,000 00	
3d,	Town of So. Danvers, note dated Feb. 25, 1857,	7,000 00	
4th,	3 shares in Warren Bank,	300 00	
5th,	Real Estate, comprising land and the two dwelling houses thereon, one being of brick on the easterly side, and one of wood on the westerly side of the land belonging to, and on which the Institute Hall stands,	12,000 00	
			————— \$29,300 00
6th,	The land and "Peabody Institute" Hall thereon, with its Library and Cabinet of valuables, works of Nature and Art, on Main St., So. Danvers,—not been under appraisal.		
7th,	The Branch Library, located in the town of Danvers,—not been under appraisal.		

BRANCH LIBRARY.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE, SOUTH DANVERS:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the rules of the Peabody Institute, the Committee of the Branch Library make the following report of the operations of the Branch Library from Feb. 1st, 1863, to Feb. 1st, 1864.

The Library has enjoyed a year of prosperity, delivering semi-weekly to the numerous citizens of the town visiting her open doors, about the usual number of interesting and instructive books, and thus spreading a wide and salutary influence through the community.

The beneficial influence of the Library is every year becoming more apparent, and the gratitude of the people to its founder is every year increasing. Especially is the New

Year's Gift, received on the 1st of January last, very gratefully acknowledged. A new alcove has been procured and the books placed upon its shelves. The Librarian is at work cataloguing the books, and they will soon be ready for distribution.

The number of borrowers' names added to the ledger is 143. No. of names now on the ledger is 2136. No. of volumes delivered during the year, is 11,414. No. per week during the time the Library has been open, is 229. No. delivered since the Library was first opened, is 88,258. No. lost to the Library the past year, is five (5.) No. lost and now missing from the Library since it was first opened, is sixteen (16,) none of which are of great value.

No. added to the Library during the year, is 741. Of this number the following were gifts:—2 from Rev. J. W. Putnam; 1 from Hon. John B. Alley; 688 from Hon. George Peabody, of London, England, our former benefactor, and the founder of the Library. No. of volumes now in the Library, is 4180. No. of volumes bound or re-bound during the year, is 186.

From the records kept by the Secretary, the finances appear as follows:

Expended for new books,	\$82 97	
Binding, and re-binding old ones,	48 10	
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Whole expense for books,	\$131 07	
Other expenses,	\$271 41	
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Whole expenses,	\$402 48	
Money in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 1863,		\$3 78
Money received from the income of the fund,		420 00
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		\$423 78
		\$402 48
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Balance now in the Treasury,		\$21 30

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL HILLS, *Secretary.*

Danvers, Feb. 1, 1864.

BRANCH LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Tr.
1863. Dr.

Mar. 23,	To pd W H Piper & Co., bill for books,	\$9 94	
23,	To paid Gas bills,	17 62	
23,	To paid Whipple & Smith for books,	4 63	
23,	To paid N. Hill's bill, for services of self and Assistant, and fuel, &c.,	71 85	
April 21,	To paid quarter part of cost of new furnace,	41 09	
July 17,	To paid insurance,	21 00	
Aug. 28,	To paid Elliot & White, for books,	3 50	
28,	To paid Gas bills,	10 34	
31,	To paid S. P. Fowler, for books,	3 00	
31,	To paid N. Hill for services of self, and Assistant, and Perley's bill for book binding, &c.,	94 96	
Sept. 9,	To paid C. D. Howard, for printing,	3 53	
Nov. 27,	To paid J. Perley, Jr., for binding,	24 10	
Dec. 7,	To paid S. P. Fowler, for books,	9 50	
7,	To paid N. Hill's bill, for services of self, and Assistant, and fuel, &c.,	52 18	
8,	To paid Jas. Campbell for books,	1 13	
8,	To paid Jas. Campbell for books,	7 74	
8,	To paid Jas. Campbell for books,	36 53	
17,	To paid Gas bills,	10 84	
	Balance,	1 84	
		—————	\$425 32

1863.			Cr.
Feb.	By Balance,	\$5 32	
Mar. 23,	By draft on Trustees,	210 00	
Sept. 11,	By draft on Trustees,	210 00	
		—————	\$425 32
1864.			
Feb.	By Balance,		\$1 84

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*